

VERMONT NEWS.

Tillman's Estimate of Vermonters.
Senator Ben Tillman of South Carolina delivered an address in Randolph recently and was later interviewed by the Herald and News. Of the Vermont senator Mr. Tillman said:

"Proctor is affable, and," the senator added, with a wink of his lone eye, "can drive a good bargain."
"I have formed a very high opinion of your new man, Dillingham. He reminds me of Morrill—honest, truthful, kindly and genuine—a clean-hearted and clean-handed gentleman. I have never met a man more lovable," was the high testimony he bore.

Island Pond Boy's Narrow Escape.
Master Bobby Brown, in coasting at Island Pond, collided with the footboard of the tender of the locomotive on the railroad track at the crossing. He was drawn under the locomotive, which was stopped after moving a few feet. It was necessary to back the engine before the boy could be released, and everybody expected to see a mangled form taken out, but although the lad's clothes were torn from him and he was nearly smothered with oil he escaped with bruises which are not serious.

The failure of Albert E. Niles, a dry goods merchant of Montpelier, is reported. Liabilities \$9659; secured \$1100; assets, \$6620; exempt, \$710.

Dr. O. W. Peck died at his home in Winooski Feb. 16, after an illness of two months. He was a native of Montgomery and a graduate of the medical department of the University of Vermont in 1880. He was surgeon of the Vermont National Guard in 1883 and 1884, state senator from Chittenden county 1896-98, and was surgeon general of the state under Gov. Grout and also under Gov. Smith.

Gen. J. G. McCullough of Bennington is a director in the new Lackawanna Steel company of West Seneca, N. Y., just organized with a capital of \$40,000,000.

The new \$150,000 coach barn at Shelburne Farms is fast nearing completion. This barn is one of the finest of the kind in the country and has been under construction during the past year. At one time more than 100 men were employed in its building.

Congressman D. J. Foster, U. S. Woodbury and C. P. Smith of Burlington appeared before the House committee on public buildings at Washington recently, and argued for the new \$200,000 federal building wanted at Burlington.

The city of Rutland will give \$25,000 to the Rutland railroad company and in return will get a new \$150,000 depot and the general offices and the machine shops of the entire system will be located there. New machine shops costing upwards of \$200,000 will be built at once, the car shops now located at Malone will be brought back to Rutland, and repairing and car rebuilding of the whole Rutland system will be done in that city. From 150 to 200 additional men will be employed at this point by the growing railroad system.

Benjamin Williams, Jr., for five years assistant postmaster at Fair Haven, has left that place to accept an appointment to the position of messenger in the United States senate at a salary of \$1,400 per year.

The Vermont Marble Company of Proctor has just obtained, through its Boston branch office, the contract for the marble work of the interior of a French Catholic church at Fall River, Mass. The amount of it is over \$100,000 and the material Rutland blue marble.

The socialist party in Barre has nominated John Anderson for mayor.

At the meeting of the Vermont Anti-Quarantine Society held at Burlington Feb. 18, G. G. Benedict read the very interesting reminiscences of the early life of Mrs. Eliza Hall, formerly of Burlington, now living at San Diego, Cal., at the age of 92 years. Adjournment was taken to Saturday, March 8, when Prof. J. E. Woodbury will read a paper on "Early Immigration to Vermont as Affected by Religious Difficulties in Connecticut and Massachusetts."

A gang of forty men who have been at work all winter on the big dam of the Chittenden Power Company, at Chittenden, were all discharged Wednesday, because there had been disorderly fighting and carousing. The company sent representatives to Boston to get a new gang.

The National Life Insurance Co. of Montpelier holds \$12,000 of the bonds of the city of Pierre, S. D., on which interest has been in default for several years and the company has been unable to get an agreement for compromise at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar. Two thousand dollars of the Montpelier cemetery trust funds are also invested in these bonds. The city has a population of 2,000 which is decreasing and there is a municipal debt of over \$600,000.

There is a movement on foot in Barre to establish a plant for the manufacture of steel shot for granite polishing purposes. The consumption of steel shot for this purpose in Barre alone is in the neighborhood of 75 tons per month and at the present time the bulk of the manufacture comes from Scotland.

John A. Gosselin, 46, a Rutland brick mason, was killed February 16 in a driving accident at Fair Haven. He was driving with a party of friends and the sleigh slewed on the ice and struck a tree. The remainder of the party were slightly injured.

Judge of Probate M. A. Bingham of Burlington has rendered a decision in the Prudence Roby will case, by which the Methodist church of Burlington gets \$4,400, with which to build a parsonage, and the Chicago W. C. T. U. temple gets \$500.

It is understood that the deal which has been engineered by Dr. W. S. Webb, as chairman of the board of directors of the Rutland railroad, and who has absorbed the Canada Atlantic railway has been blocked temporarily at least. The hitch was occasioned by a Canadian statute with which the Rutland magnates had not reckoned, which prohibits the sale of any Canadian railroad to a foreign corporation.

Mrs. Jennie B. Powers, agent of the Vermont Humane Society, found a shocking case of affairs in the family of Henry C. Bell, a human brute in Halifax last week. The reports state that Mrs. Bell and her four children were victims of cruelty, and were in dire want notwithstanding the fact that Bell owns a fine farm of 200 acres free from incumbrance. An information has been filed and it is expected that Bell will be prosecuted.

WOMANKIND UNSHACKLED.

The Fetters that have For Centuries Enslaved Women are at Last Broken.

From the dawn of the earliest history up to within a few years past men considered women inferior beings. Woman had few rights that her husband was bound to respect. Too frequently the wife was even less considered than a slave. A slave was worth so many hundreds of dollars, and if not treated with

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some little consideration might take "French leave" and cause a considerable monetary loss.

Of late the attitude of Christendom towards woman has undergone a great change. Woman has taken her place as the co-equal of man. Her new position is due not only to her mental advancement, but also to physical improvement. Read the novels of a century and a half ago and you find the heroine always described as a delicate fragile creature, who fainted and had her stays cut at every possible opportunity and was all ways having her hands slapped, water sprinkled in her face and smelling salts applied to her nostrils. A woman of this description was hardly fitted for co-equality with man. Where there is much smoke there must be some fire, and undoubtedly there must be some truth in the novelists' descriptions of these heroines of a century and a half ago.

Woman is becoming stronger, healthier and more self-reliant because she is learning to know herself. Most weakness, fragility and ill health in women is due to weakness or disease of the distinctly feminine organism. Not only women, but their husbands also are beginning to comprehend this fact. Nowadays when a well informed man finds that his wife is suffering from some ailment peculiar to her sex. If he loves his wife he will not scold and grumble and get in a temper himself, but will see that she promptly has the advice of some specialist of repute. The best and most widely known specialist in cases of this description is Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. For thirty years he has been chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., and with the aid of a staff of nearly a score of medical assistants, he has prescribed for many thousands of suffering women.

His wide experience in this class of troubles led to his discovery of a marvelous medicine for women, known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned in wifehood and maternity. It makes them strong and healthy. It soothes pain, allays inflammation, heals ulceration and stops debilitating drains. It fits for healthy wifehood and almost painless maternity. It completely and permanently cures the special troubles that have aggravated and broken down the whole system, with the result that the general health is quickly recovered. It gives the tortured nerves a rest and permits them to recover their tone and steadiness. It has transformed thousands of weak, sickly, incompetent invalids into strong, healthy, happy wives and mothers. This great medicine is for sale by all good medicine dealers, and the honest ones will not urge you to take some inferior substitute for the sake of a little added profit.

"I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription something over two years ago, and am glad to testify that it is a God-send to womankind," writes Mrs. H. M. Hansrope, of Magnolia, Morgan Co., W. Va. "I have been troubled with indigestion for years, and am now able to say your medicine has cured me entirely." The three children who were born before I began to take your medicine did not live long; they were very delicate, but those born since (three in all) are very hearty, and that convinces me that your medicine is just what it is said to be and a great deal more. I could tell enough to fill a book about the way I suffered and the way your medicine acted. Indeed, every woman who glances ought to know about your medicine."

"I have taken Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and cannot speak too well of it," writes Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, of 27 Merrick St., Pawtucket, R. I. "I had had fifteen babies, and always had a bad time. Sometimes I have had to have two doctors. I began taking your Favorite Prescription" last July and in September I gave birth to two little girls and I never had such an easy time. I had no doctor and did not suffer half as long as before. My weight is about two hundred pounds. My twins when born weighed ten pounds each. They are fine girls, now four months old."

"For fourteen years I had been a sufferer from ailments peculiar to women," writes Mrs. M. G. Bearden, of Stogner, Carroll Co., Ga. "I had been for years so ill that I was able to do but very little; part of the time I could do nothing. I had become so feeble I was sick all the time, and racked with pain. Could eat but very little. I only slept about four hours in the twenty-four. I began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

which gave me immediate relief. I have continued to gain in health and strength, having taken in all four bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and two of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and one vial of your 'Pleasant Pellets.' My weight has increased from 94 to 134 lbs, under your treatment."

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Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting.

Topic for Sunday, March 3. "The Secret of Endurance." Heb. xi. 24-27; Ex. xxxiii. 9-23.

DAILY READINGS.—ENDURANCE.
Mar. 3. Wait on God. Ps. xxxvii. 34-40.
Mar. 4. Establish your heart. Jas. v. 1-8.
Mar. 5. God our help. Ps. xli. 1-7.
Mar. 6. Look to Jesus. Heb. xii. 1-7.
Mar. 7. Strengthened. Col. i. 9-17.
Mar. 8. The reward of endurance. Rom. vi. 1-10.
Mar. 9. The secret of endurance. Heb. xi. 24-27; Ex. xxxiii. 9-23.

SCRIPTURE VERSES.
Ps. xxxvii. 5, 6; xliiii. 14; lvi. 3, 4, 9.
11-13; Isa. xli. 10, 11; lvi. 10, 11; Jer. xlvii. 7, 8; Mic. vii. 8; Luke i. 79, 80; John i. 4-13; vii. 12; x. 2-4.

LESSON THOUGHTS.
Our strength to bear trials will not come from escape from all troubles, any more than the athlete's muscles can be hardened without exercise. So God permits trials to come upon even the best of his children; and each burden borne gives greater strength for the next.

The heavens have no care lest their support may be withdrawn and they may collapse under the burden of their vast expanse; the clouds sail calm and undisturbed on their course. The same God that is able to uphold them is faithful to support his own children under any weight of trial that may come upon them.

SELECTIONS.
We walk in the Lord's own company. We fight, but 'tis he who nerve our arm. He turns the arrow that else might harm, And out of the storm he brings a calm; And we work that we count so hard to do, He makes it easy, for he works too, And the days that seem long to live are his, A bit of his bright eternities; and close to o needs his helping is.

"Our burden, whatever it is, is God's 'gift,' and has a divine blessing in it for us, if we take it up in faith, in love." "That he hath given" we may always bring to him again, seeking his help in hearing it for him.

When this life's long troubled day With its griefs has passed away; When from fires of sin's strife Purified my soul shall rise; I shall know, yea, all shall see, Why the Lord appointed me Tribulation.

Out of which he wrought for me, By his grace, abounding, free, Salvation.
We are constantly in danger of regarding our trial as singular, unlike any other that man has known. This is not so. The divine one has cared successfully for numberless ones whose trial was as great and bad as ours. Our only need is simple trust.

SUGGESTED HYMNS.
The Lord's our rock.
After the toil and trouble.
Blessed be thy name, O God, I thank thee for thy grace, I thank thee for thy grace, I thank thee for thy grace.
The voice of Jesus say.
A mighty fortress is our God.
Thy only life way.

China the Sphinx of the 20th Century.

The question of her future is the riddle of our times. The most durable empire the world has ever seen, her history, covering 5000 years, is the greatest record of human experience in government.

China has brought down to us, unchanged through centuries, a civilization that reached its highest perfection over 3000 years ago. She is unique and remarkable among nations for where else can be found a race occupying the identical land upon which their ancestors settled upwards of 5000 years ago, or where else can be found a people speaking a language that became crystallized more than forty centuries before, and enjoying still a literature as ancient and classic by their forefathers as a hundred generations before them.—[From No. 28 of the New York Central's "Four Track Series."

No. 28 of the "Four Track Series" will be sent free, postpaid, to any address, on receipt of five cents in postage, by George H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent, New York Central, Grand Central Station, New York.

Rev. Newman Hall Dead.
The Rev. Newman Hall, D. D., LL. B., form chairman of the Congressional Union, who had been ill for some time past, died in London February 18.

Mr. Hall first became prominent as a friend of the United States shortly before the beginning of the war of the Union, and shared with John Bright the distinction of being America's leading champion in England when the federal cause most needed advocacy there. The eloquent voice of the great radical statesman in the matter of the recommendations for promotion of officers of the Santiago squadron. The question as to which of the two men, Admiral Sampson or Admiral Schley, was at the time in command is of merely nominal character. Technically Sampson commanded the fleet, and Schley, as usual, the western division. The actual fact—the important fact—is that after the battle was fought, a help was shifted, not a gun was fired, not a pound of steam was put on any engine room aboard any ship actively engaged in obedience to the order of either Sampson or Schley, save on their own two vessels. It was a captain's fight.

Admiral Schley is rightly entitled—as is Captain Cook—to the credit of the whole, she did well; but I agree with the unanimous finding of the three admirals who composed the court of inquiry as to the "loop." It seriously marred the Brooklyn's otherwise excellent record, being, in fact, the one grave mistake made by any ship that day.

But after the loop had once been taken Admiral Schley handled the Brooklyn manfully and well. As regards Admiral Sampson and Schley, I find that President McKinley did substantial justice, and that there would be no warrant for reversing his action.

There is no excuse whatever from either side for any further agitation of this unhappy controversy. To keep it alive would merely do damage to the navy and to the country."

A Modern Martyr.

A steamer from Alaska brings news that a 15-year-old boy was buried alive by medicine men of the Chilkoot Indians. The boy had been converted to Christianity and in a burst of religious zeal denounced the manumers of the medicine men, arousing their anger. Later when fourteen of the tribe died of consumption their death was laid upon him as being in league with the evil one.

POINTS ABOUT ALMOND SNUFF

The great cure for Catarrh, Hay Fever, Cold in the Head, Deafness and Headache.

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